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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY OF OCCULT  
AGE-RELATED MACULAR  
DEGENERATION

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This reply is in response to the final Office Action dated February 8, 2008, for which a response is due on May 8, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.